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ENVIRONMENTS

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 20, 2006, the period of response for which runs through September 20, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.